

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP [1645]**

s Docket No. 033339/234602

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Cayeula et al.

Confirmation No.: 5142

Appln No.:

09/856,969

Group No.: 1645

Filed:

August 1, 2001

Examiner: Jana Hines

For:

SELECTION AND USES OF LACTIC ACID BACTERIA

STRAINS MODULATING NON-SPECIFIC IMMUNITY

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1.	This is a petition	on for an	extension of tim	e for a	total period of one month to respond to the Offi	ce
	Action dated December 11, 2004.					
2.	Applicant is		a small entity;	\boxtimes	other than a small entity.	

3. Calculation of extension fee $(37 \text{ C.F.R. } \S 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5))$:

> Total Months Requested

Fee for Other Than Small Entity

Three months

\$840.00

(\$950 - \$110 previously paid on 3/31/04)

 \times A check in the amount of \$840.00 is enclosed.

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.

 $|\mathsf{X}|$ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

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Respectfully submitted,

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^{*}Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.